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Assistant Director, OSI

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General Counsel

Scientific Intelligence Representative in Department of State

1. We have discussed the mechanics for carrying out the proposal of OSI that a full-time scientific intelligence representative assume specified duties in the Acquisition and Distribution Division, Office of Intelligence, Department of State. As indicated to you orally, the proposal in your staff study of 10 March presents certain technical objections.

2. We understand that the Department of State agrees that the basic responsibility is theirs, but that they lack funds at the present time. We further understand that OSI is anxious to have this position filled and is willing to provide funds for it initially, but that the Department of State is to assume responsibility for salary when its budget permits. [REDACTED] informed us that [REDACTED] has agreed to arrangements whereby CIA would detail a representative for the above duties for the time being.

3. In discussions with the Deputy Director for Administration and the Comptroller, it was agreed that such a detail was makeshift and that the Department of State should be encouraged to undertake financial responsibility at the earliest moment. If, however, the position remained permanently with CIA, it would have to be charged to the OSI T/O and ceiling. It was, therefore, agreed that we should suggest making the detail a temporary arrangement valid only until 30 June 1952, the end of the fiscal year, without charge to the OSI ceiling, and that as of 1 July either the State Department would undertake to have the individual transferred to their payrolls or the position would be charged to the OSI ceiling. If this is satisfactory to you and the Deputy Director of Intelligence, you may proceed with the processing of the individual, provided appropriate arrangements can be made with Security.

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